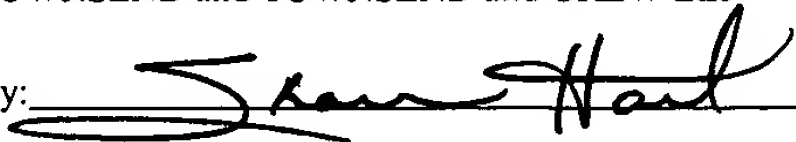


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

9.21.05

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By:



PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 02558P-001340US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

James Blake *et al.*

Application No.: 09/733,239

Filed: December 8, 2000

For: CYSTEINE THIOL-PROTECTED
PEPTIDES FOR USE IN
IMMUNOASSAYS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 1694

Examiner: Emily M. Le

Art Unit: 1648

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The reference cited on attached form PTO/SB/08B is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed.

The reference was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 29, 2001, but not considered on the merits. An English translation of the reference is not available, however, the highlighted portions on page 86 (Diagram 5), page 88

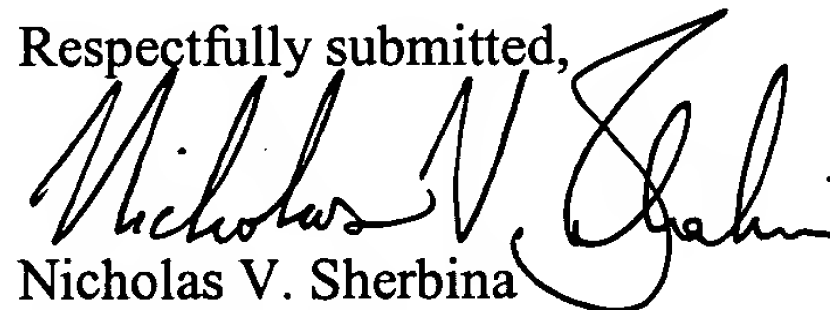
(Diagram 7), and page 95 (English Summary) are either in English or show peptide synthetic schematics that use internationally recognized symbols and abbreviations.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the cited reference, particularly the above-specified sections, be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and reference cited is prior art merely because it is in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicholas V. Sherbina
Reg. No. 54,443

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: 206-467-9600
Fax: 206-623-6793
NVS:mmm
60585316 v1



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	09/733,239
				Filing Date	December 8, 2000
				First Named Inventor	James Blake
				Art Unit	1648
				Examiner Name	Emily M. Le
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	02558P-001340US

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials *	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	AA	ST. GUTTMANN, "Synthèse du glutathion et de l'oxytocine à l'aide d'un nouveau groupe protecteur de la fonction thiol," <i>Helv. Chim. Acta</i> , 49:83-96 at pp. 86 (Diagram 5), 88 (Diagram 7) and 95 (English Summary) (1966).	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.